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1. Vo Nguyen Giap, Commander-in-Chief of Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) forces, has never exercised much power in Communist Party of Indochina (PCI) circles. Giap's secret ambition, nevertheless, is to employ the forces at his disposal to secure control over all the PCI leaders, including the party Secretary General, Dang Xuan Khu. Giap is supported by the army officers of Central and South Vietnam, while the majority of the political can-be attached to the DRV forces, as well as the majority of the officers in North Vietnam favor the policies of Khu.
2. Giap occupies a lower position than Khu in the PCI hierarchy; however, he has often refused to comply with orders issued by Khu, accusing him of making a show of his authority. Khu in turn accuses Giap of insecurity in his choice of personnel. The personal antagonism between the two was aggravated in late 1950, when Khu succeeded in accumulating enough evidence to obtain the execution of Tran Chi Chau, chief of Giap's Military Supply Service.
3. In early 1950 the PCI planned to replace Ho Chi Minh with Dang Xuan Khu, because Ho is forced to devote most of his time to Communist affairs throughout Southeast Asia. The overt disagreement existing between Khu and Giap, as well as public disapproval of the change, forced the PCI to drop the plan.1
4. Both Ho and Pham Van Dong try to act as mediators between Khu and Giap, but the feeling of rivalry between the two remains strong. Dong maintains close contact with Giap in an official capacity, but he also has great respect for Khu's ability.

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